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Giving you an Exact Account how they were severally Examined before the Councill; who after their Examinations were all Three committed to Newgate. Together, with a German Doctor, who was supposed privy to the matter.

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Being the Substance of the Tryals of Count Charles John Conningsmark, also the Tryal of Frederick Fratz, a German, Captain John Stern, a German Lieutenant, and George Boroskie, a Polandier: which Three last were all Condemned for the said Murder: The Count having nothing but Circumstantial Evidence against him, was acquitted for the same.

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*An Impartial Account of the bloody Murder, committed upon
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ON Sunday the 12th. Instant, 1682, this worthy Gentleman deceased, by name *Thomas Thin, Esq;* having been accompanied by , and honoured with the presence of his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth* the major part of the day were about 7 or 8 of the Clock at night; returning to their respective Habitations, the Duke parting with the aforesaid Gentleman at a place which he thought convenient; before he came to the Habitation of the deceased; after many friendly farewells on both sides, this Squires Coach drove on, and coming to a place known by the name of *Pall-Mall*, near *Piccadilly*, his Servants perceived three persons on Horse-back riding towards the Coach, but not dreading any harm took little Cognizance of them; till on a sudden riding close to the Coach; one of them fired (as is supposed a *Blunderbus*, or.) a Musquetoon into the Coach, which mortally wounded the said Gentleman, and so amazed the Servants that they knew not how to look one upon the other; but finding their Master wounded, made what haste they could after these bloody-minded Wretches, crying, Murder, Murder; but they conscious of their Hellish Fact, by the help of their Horses got off without being taken, and as soon as they saw, crying, a Race, a Race, as they Rid; but yet the pursuit (though in vain that night) ceased not, for notwithstanding the diligence of the Servants in searching and pursuing, no discovery could be made. This amazing and unwelcome News came at last; and in little time too, to the ear of his Majesty, who to shew his displeasure against such bloody and barbarous Cruelties, he immediately dispatched Orders to the Sea-Ports for the strict Examination of all persons about to Transport themselves beyond Sea, and also for a diligent search to be made here in Town, hoping thereby

and out these base and wicked actors of this horrible Murder, but they, accompanied with the horror of gnawing Consciences, had as I suppose, lodged themselves securely from the eye of the world, but the All-seeing eye of the Almighty, which cannot be blinded, nor will be Hood-winkt, quickly, by the means of the successful Searchers, discovered these Villains, whose cruelties are to be admired, and whose rewards will doubtless in little time be awarded for them. After they had, by the help of some Informations, been traced even to their own Lodgings, and being seized, they were all found to be Out-landish Men, and were on Munday morning following, brought before the Council, who were assembled in great number for that very purpose; so then the Ring-leader, or chief of them being examined about the Premises, he seemed nothing dismay'd, nor endeavour'd by any Evasions to acquit himself of his Butchery, but with admired impudence acknowledged the thing, and confessed the Fact: Then being Examined what he was, he answered that he was a *German* born, and that his name was *Fratz*, or as some say *Uratz*; and added also, that he was a Captain of Foot: He also confessed that he had received many remarkable favours from the Count *Charles John Conningmark*, and his Family, which obliged him not only to accompany him in his Travels, but also to vindicate him (when affronted) to the utmost of his power, asserting that the deceased had bestowed many gross affronts upon the said Count, which sorely vexed and tormented his engaged Soul, and for these causes resolved to take satisfaction of him (in this barbarous manner as is supposed,) being informed that the said Mr. *Thynn* was gone out in his Coach, (the Devil who still is the chief animator of such bloody mischiefs) put him in mind that then might be an opportune Season to affect his Diabolical design; in order thereunto he took Horse, accompanied only with one friend and a Servant which he had, who was provided with a Musquetoon, themselves being well armed with Swords and Pistols: He also alledgeth, that at

their meeting of the Coach near or at *Pall-Mall*, he rid up to the Coach, bidding the Coach-man stand, with an intent to have fought the said Mr. *Thynn*, but that his Servant being a *Polander* and a stranger (perhaps as much to humanity as to) his Language, not rightly understanding what he said, discharging the Musquetoon into the Coach, shot him into the Belly, (some say with four, and some say) with five Bullets, but be it four or five, this worthy Gentleman lost his dear life thereby, to the great lamentation of many, and admiration of the whole City and Country that have heard of this mishap.

This being with great Impudence confessed to the Council, he was ordered to withdraw out of the Council-Chamber; which being done, the Servant before mentioned was called in and Examined, who very audaciouly denyed all and every particular, but being Confronted with his Master, he then confessed that he was but newly arrived in *England*, and that as last Friday being the 19th. Instant, he came from *Dam in Pomeran*, and was become Servant to Captain *Fratz*; adding, that as he was his Servant, he thought he was thereby obliged to obey his orders, and perform his comand, and that accordingly he took Horse with him, and so meeting with this Gentleman in his Coach, he saith his Master bid him fire, which in obedience to his commands he did, by which means he not only deprived this Gentleman of his life, but also hath brought his own into such jeopardy, that I hardly think he will go again into his own Country to boast of this wicked Murder.

A Third person being Examined, acknowledged himself to be a *Sweede* by Birth, and that his Name was *John Stern*, having been formerly a Lieutenant in *Flanders*, alledging that his coming into *England* was to get employment, and accidentally became acquainted with the aforesaid Captain *Fratz*, not above a week ago, and that at the request of the said Captain he accompanied him abroad on Sunday, and that the said Captain discovered to him that he had a Quarrel against a Gentleman, and that he was resolved to fight him: He also saith,

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faith, That he was not by when the Musquetoon was discharged, but was about twenty paces behind the Coach, which might be and he nevertheless necessary to the thing; So the Council having deliberated well upon the matter, they were all three committed to *Newgate*, in order to their Tryal. Likewise a *German* Doctor in whose house this Captain *Fratz* was taken, it being strongly supposed that he was privy to the Design: And besides all this, His Majesty out of his great care of, and tender love to his Loyal Subjects, hath caused several other persons to be examined before the Council concerning this most horrible and bloody Murder, by which means the evil design against the deceased is more and more manifested, notwithstanding the great pretences and subtle Evasions made by the said Captain *Fratz*, and I doubt not but in a very little time to give you a more punctual and positive account of the Punctilio's, for it already begins to favor of design, and that the Murder was absolutely determined upon, and is grossly suspected to be hatched and contrived by the above-mentioned Count *Charles John Coningsmark*, who hath concealed himself in Town, under a false name about a Fortnight, and upon the Murther committed upon the body of *Mr. Thynn*, hath secretly and suddenly removed from his Lodging, which seems to be an Argument of his conspiracy, he removing the very next morning after the perpetration of this Wickedness.

A True Account of the Apprehending and Taking of Count Conningsmark; Shewing how before the Mayor of Gravesend, he had pretended himself an Apprentice; and of the handfuls of Money he distributed among those that Guarded him, &c. With his Examination before his Majesty in Privy Council.

Whereas 200 l. was promised for the taking of Count *Conningsmark*; A person supposed to have known where the Count has been for four days last past did acquaint *Mr. Kidd*, *Mr. Thynn's* Gentleman, he acquainted *Mr. Gibbons*, one of the Duke

Duke of Monmouths Gentlemen, where the Count was: whereupon Mr. Gibbons, and one of the Duke of Yorks Watermen, with some others, went to Gravesend, Feb. 19 at 8 of the Clock at Night. This Count was taken at that time and place, in poor Habit, come on shore, he had a black old Peruke, with his own hair tyed like a Womans, rould up upon his head, and the rest hung down his Back under his Coat, his own Hair being very White, he having Dined on Sunday last at Greenwich.

The first that seized him was Mr. Gibbons, who clasped him with both his Arms, saying; *Sir, you are my Prisoner*: the Count had a Sword under his Coat, and his Hand on the Hilt, but the Sword dropt by reason of Mr. Gibbons's Crasp: The Count had like to have sprung out of his hands, and was very Mutinous; and askt Mr. Gibbons, *If he came to Rob him?* But Mr. Gibbons told him, *He had the King's Warrant, and the Recorder of Gravesend's Warrant to seize him*: With that the Waterman took hold on one of his Arms, and Mr. Gibbons on the other; he askt Mr. Gibbons, *Who he was, that would offer to seize him?* And after some Discourse, the Count confessed, he was the Count Conningsmark, before he was carried before the Mayor of Gravesend, Mr. Gibbons answered, *He was the Duke of Monmouth's Servant*: Then said the Count, *The Duke of Monmouth is out of favour at Court*: But, saith Mr. Gibbons, *The King has lost a good Subject, and my Master a good Friend, and so have we all, a Worthy Gentleman most Barbarously Murthered*; and then the Count passed a great many Complements, and desired to be civilly used: The Counts Pockets were searched, expecting to find Pistols, but they found therein two pieces of Polonian Sallages, they being also almost full of money.

He ask'd, Who the Waterman was? He answered, He was the Duke of York's Waterman, and Mr. Gibbons had commanded him, in the King's Name, To assist him. When he was carried before the Mayor, he was very Ceremonious, and said, *He was glad he was fallen into the hands of a Gentleman*; and withal again confessed, *He was*

the Count Conningmark; and also desired, That as he was used among Souldiers, so he might have a Guard of Souldiers, and not of Civil Officers: Hereupon the Mayor granted him a strong Guard of Souldiers, and told him, he should have civil Usage. Then he desired his Cloaths might be sent for from the Waterman, who brought them. Hereupon the Mayor had an opportunity to examine the Waterman, who to avoid all Suspicion of Confederacy, said, He had been Cruising four days upon the Thames, in order to his Escape: And further, he told him, the Count said to him, *He was an Apprentice to a Jeweller, and a Banker; and that his Fellow Prentice had fraudulently convey'd from his Master, without his privity, a great many Jewels and other things, to several Thousand pounds value; and tho' he was Innocent; yet being the elder Prentice, he sadly dreaded Imprisonment for his Partners Fault: and therefore the Count took this Course to convey himself beyond Sea; where he had Intelligence his fellow Apprentice was, and there he did intend to apprehend him, and clear himself, and return to England to his Master.* The Waterman believing this Story did his best to convey him away.

As the Count was carrying away from the Mayor, he gave his guard a handful of money to buy Tobacco and Ale; and gave the Duke of Yorks Waterman that assisted in taking him, another handful of money, and said; *He had but one Bastion or Counterscarp more to enter upon, and that would do his Business:* A Nobleman said, He was always full of Projects, but he supposed he meant a Scaffold.

When he was before his Majesty in Counsel, he was ask'd several Questions: to which he made slight answers; and seem'd unconcern'd, but in the conclusion, about 12 at Night he was sent to Newgate.

This account is taken from Mr. Gibbons, who first seized the Count.

The Proceedings at the Old Bayley, concerning the Count, &c.

ABOUT 9 in the morning, the Court being set, the Jury Impanneled for the Trying of these Notorious Offenders, being called over, were half English and half Forreigners. The Prisoners were brought up by order of Court, and severally Arraigned for the Murder, and demanded to plead Guilty or not Guilty; as likewise Charles John Conningmark, who was put upon the same Jury, he as well as the rest having an Interpreter allowed him; when they had so pleaded, and put themselves upon God and their Country, the Jury were Sworn, and they ordered to look to their Charges. Whereupon the Count made a Peremptory Exception against 17 or 18, but at last

a Jury of English and Aliens were Sworn, and the Indictment Read, which was, That **George Bozisky** had on Feb. 12. last, with a Musketoon, Charged with Powder and Bullets, Shot and Killed, **Thomas Thynn** Esq; and the said **Christopher Urats**, was aiding in the same.

After which Sir **Francis Wishins** open'd the matter and manner of the barbarous Murder, as likewise Sir **Francis Winnington** and Mr. **Wiliams**, Council for the King, whereupon the Evidence were called, and the first that were sworn were two of Esq; **Thynns** Men, who gave Evidence, that their Master having been in his Coach at the Countess of **Northumberland**, and returning home through the **Pall-Mall** on the day aforesaid in the Evening, three persons came riding up to the Coach, one stopping it, and another firing into it, and then fled with what haste they could, and although pursuit was made after them, they could not be taken: Next the Examinations which were taken by Sir **John Risby** and Mr. **Widdgman**, were Sworn to by the said Iustices, who gave the substance of them as followeth. That **Bozisky** had confessed he shot into the Coach at the command of **Urats**, and that **Urats** had confessed he went to compell Esquire **Thynn** to fight him; and that for his affronts put upon Count **Conningmark** he desired **Stern** and **Bozisky** only to see fair play, saying, That the latter fired without his Order, but it being proved fully, not only by their Examinations before the Iustices, but likewise they in Court confessed the same, the Council proceeded to prove that the Count was the principal contriver of this Murther, whereupon one Mr. **Dansay** Tutor to the Counts Brother was called, who gave Evidence, that he had entertain'd **Bozisky** in his service but the Friday before the Murther, and that he had bought him a Sword and other Accoutrements for Horsemanship.

Dr. Frederick Harvey being Sworn, testified, That the Count was his Patient, and that he had a breaking out in his Breast, which caused him to disfigure himself, because he would not be obliged to drink or Sort himself with any Company. A Foot-Boy of his was likewise Sworn; who testified, That **Urats** was commonly with his Master, and that the Night the Murder was done, he came thither, and the Count the next morning fled, having shifted his Lodging three or four times. The Seward at Rotherith, at whose house he lay, was called, who gave Evidence, That he came to his house, telling him he was in some Danger, desiring to have some change of Apparel, which he lent him, and the next day he hired a Skulker, and was three days Cruising upon the River of **Thames**, between that and **Graves-end**. Too next was Mr. **Gibbons** and Mr. **Kidd**, who took him, Their Evidence was, That they having Notice from a person, that the Count absconded at Rotherith, they got a Warrant and pursued him to **Graves-end**, where they had notice he was gone, and there seized him. That after various discourse, he said, That this business might prove a stain to his blood, but that a brave Action in War might recover it. After which the Jury went out and considered the Evidence; When they returned, they found **Urats**, **Bozisky**, and **Stern**, Guilty of Wilful Murther, but acquitted the Count: Whereupon the Court proceeded to give Judgement of Death upon those that were found Guilty.

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